

**Warren, OH** – Today, Congressman Tim Ryan (OH-17) accepted Speaker-elect John Boehner's invitation to join his escort committee for the official swearing-in ceremony on January 5, 2011. Congressman Ryan issued the following statement:

"I thank Speaker-elect Boehner for this invitation, and I am pleased to join him as the House of Representatives swears in its first Speaker from Ohio since Nicholas Longworth, 85 years ago. As we begin the 112th Congress, I look forward to working with Speaker-elect Boehner to address the serious issues facing Ohioans. In this economic climate, Democrats and Republicans must come together to create an atmosphere that will encourage economic prosperity, create jobs, and restore faith in the American dream. I am committed to making that a reality."

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